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APPLICANT(S) : Germano

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ANTI-CORROSION LAYER AND A
POWDER COATING LAYER

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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2006, in the above-captioned application. The Examiner requested further election of a metal as recited in claims 2, 8, 14, 20, and 26; and a particular powder coat composition as recited in claims 5, 7, 10, 12, 16, 18, 22, 24, 28, and 30.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the "zinc flakes and aluminum flakes" as recited in claim 8 for the "metal" component; and a thermoset powder coat composition as recited in claims 7, 12, 18, 24, 28, and 30.

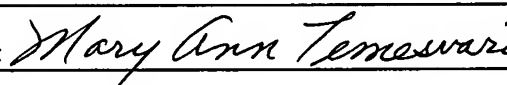
The election is made with traverse on grounds that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search the other non-elected groups of claims. Requiring Applicant to file additional applications to pursue examination of non-elected claims is costly and burdensome to the Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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